

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

PROGRAM

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, on Thursday morning the Senate will be in morning business, and at 12:50 p.m. the Senate will proceed as a body to the House of Representatives for a joint session for the counting of electoral votes. Members should gather in the Senate Chamber at 12:40 so that we may leave promptly at 12:50.

During Thursday's session, we expect to act on the committee resolution.

Members are wondering about rollcall votes for the week. At this point, it is unclear, but we will notify all Members if a rollcall vote is possible before we finish our business this week.

Following close of business on Thursday, the Senate will adjourn until January 20.

I inform my colleagues that when the Senate reconvenes January 20, we will immediately begin work on the President's nominations.

I will simply close by saying that we have had a remarkable day today. Six hours ago we began the swearing in of 34 Senators. It is always a moving time to have family, friends, spouses, and constituents from so many different States coming to Washington, DC, to share in an occasion that we all remember—indelibly printed on our

minds—when we put our right hand in the air and took that oath to this body and to that Constitution. It has been a remarkable day for people. It has been a great pleasure for us in leadership to be able to participate really on the periphery as we celebrate with each and every one of them for their great public service.

ADJOURNMENT UNTIL THURSDAY, JANUARY 6, 2005, AT 9:30 A.M.

Mr. FRIST. Mr. President, if there is no further business to come before the Senate, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate stand in adjournment under the previous order.

There being no objection, the Senate, at 5:53 p.m., adjourned until Thursday, January 6, 2005, at 9:30 a.m.

NOMINATIONS

Executive nominations received by the Senate January 4, 2005:

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

MIKE JOHANN, OF NEBRASKA, TO BE SECRETARY OF AGRICULTURE, VICE ANN MARGARET VENEMAN, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

CARLOS M. GUTIERREZ, OF MICHIGAN, TO BE SECRETARY OF COMMERCE, VICE DONALD LOUIS EVANS, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

SAMUEL W. BODMAN, OF MASSACHUSETTS, TO BE SECRETARY OF ENERGY, VICE SPENCER ABRAHAM, RESIGNED.

NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION

ALBERT HENRY KONETZNI, JR., OF NEW YORK, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2009, VICE RICHARD A. MESERVE, RESIGNED.

GREGORY B. JACZKO, OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION FOR THE TERM OF FIVE YEARS EXPIRING JUNE 30, 2008, VICE GRETA JOY DICUS, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

MICHAEL O. LEAVITT, OF UTAH, TO BE SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, VICE TOMMY G. THOMPSON, RESIGNED.

SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

JEFFREY ROBERT BROWN, OF ILLINOIS, TO BE A MEMBER OF SOCIAL SECURITY ADVISORY BOARD FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 30, 2008, VICE BRADLEY D. BELT, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

CONDOLEEZZA RICE, OF CALIFORNIA, TO BE SECRETARY OF STATE, VICE COLIN LUTHER POWELL, RESIGNED.

INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION

ADOLFO A. FRANCO, OF VIRGINIA, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 20, 2008, VICE JEFFREY DAVIDOW, RESIGNED.

ROGER FRANCISCO NORIEGA, OF KANSAS, TO BE A MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE INTER-AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR A TERM EXPIRING SEPTEMBER 20, 2006, VICE HARRIET C. BABBITT, TERM EXPIRED.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

MARGARET SPELLINGS, OF TEXAS, TO BE SECRETARY OF EDUCATION, VICE RODERICK R. PAIGE, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

ALBERTO R. GONZALES, OF TEXAS, TO BE ATTORNEY GENERAL, VICE JOHN ASHCROFT, RESIGNED.

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

JIM NICHOLSON, OF COLORADO, TO BE SECRETARY OF VETERANS AFFAIRS, VICE ANTHONY JOSEPH PRINCIPI, RESIGNED.